(b) the disciplines in which the training is provided to the children;

(c) whether the number of these schools are very few considering the huge size of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) Sports Authority of India (SAI) adopts schools under the Scheme of National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC). In order to promote indigenous games and martial arts, SAI, under the NSTC Schmes, has adopted Vivekananda Vidyalaya at Ambur to train children in the discipline of Silambam. SAI has also established two SAI Training Centres at Chennai and Salem and one Special Area Games (SAG) Center at Nagarcoil. The schools going children having sports potential are admitted in these centres and training is imparted in the discipline of Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Karate, Taekwondo and Volleyball.

(c) and (d) Under the NSTC Scheme, SAI has discontinued adoption of regular school and since 1995 no regular schools have been adopted by SAI. However, keeping in view the need to promote sports in remote and rural areas, Government of India, during the X Plan period has approved extension of NSTC scheme to Navodaya Vidyalayas having requisite sports infrastructure. Since no Navodaya Vidyalaya exists in the state of Tamil Nadu, SAI could not adopt any such school under this scheme.

'Sports' is a subject under State list. The promotion of sports in schools is mainly the responsibility of State Government. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government of Tamil Nadu as indicated in (a) and (b) above.

Recommendations of the National Conference on Youth Affairs & Sports

3865. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Conference on Youth Affairs and Sports held in February, 2005 have recommended number of suggestions for the youth and sports related activities in India;

(b) if so, the detail of deliberations and recommendations made by the Conference; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on various recommendations made by the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major issues discussed in the Conference included transferring 'Sports' to the Concurrent List of the Constitution; transfer of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sports Infrastructure, formulation of State Youth & Sports Policies; implementation issues in respect of new schemes, strengthening the monitoring and delivery mechanism of various programmes of the Ministry etc.

The recommendations of the National Conference on the key issues are as follows:

1. The annual budgetary allocation for the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports needs to be substantially enhanced.
2. Need to review the decision to transfer Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Sports Infrastructure was stressed. The committed liabilities of Rs. 160 crore should be provided for during the next two to three years.
3. Further consultation was required in the respective States on the issue of bringing the subject of 'Sports' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. Individual State Government shall take a view on the subject and send written communication in this regard
4. Autonomous premier organizations like sports Authority of India (SAI) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) should be made more effective, responsible and accountable and their field formations should have closer interaction with State agencies. The financial as well as administrative structure of these organizations may also be strengthened & expanded further.
5. Need for formulation and adoption of State Youth and Sports policies by all the States and Union Territories.
6. Plan of Action for Celebration of 2005 as International Year of Physical Education and Sports be implemented.
7. Need for greater stress on physical education in educational institutions.

8. Revision of the Scheme of State Sports Academy so as to utilize the existing sports infrastructure for broad basing sports.

9. Need for providing mass participation in physical fitness by involving Panchayati Raj Institutions, NYKS, etc.

10. Early formulation of Scheme for setting up National and State Youth Centres as envisaged under the Xth Five Year Plan.

11. The State Ministers Conference should be made an annual feature.

(c) The follow-up action on the recommendations exclusively within the purview of the Ministry, particularly relating to Sports Authority of India, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and implemenation issues relating the Ministry's Schemes, has been initiated. Plan of action for celebration 2005 as the International Year of Physical Education and Sports has been approved and shared with various stakeholders. Recommendations regarding greater stress on physical education in educational institutions have been sent to the Department of Education for consideration and approval. The views of the participating states relating to transfer of the centrally sponsored scheme of sports infrastructure to the State Governments as well as committed liabilities and the issue of setting up of National & State Youth Centres have been brought to the notice of appropriate authority. Further, a view on the transfer of sports to Concurrent List is dependent on written communications expected from the State Governments/UTs in this respect.

12.00 Noon

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M.O.U. between Govt. of India and Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways Deptt. of Shipping and Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highwyays, Department of Shipping) and the Cochin Shipyard Limited, for the year 2005-2006.

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